



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approving an agreement with Parent/Child Incorporated for the provision of oral health services to Head Start enrollees.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance approves an agreement with Parent/Child Incorporated (PCI) for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to provide oral health assessments and preventive dental care services for children enrolled in PCI's Head Start program, in an amount up to \$48,960.00, with in-kind services in an amount up to \$9,792.00 per term, for a term ending August 31, 2023, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount of \$146,880.00, inclusive of renewals, and in-kinds services in a cumulative amount up to \$29,376.00, supported by the General Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On an annual basis, Metro Health's Oral Health program provides diagnostic and preventive care to more than 22,000 children living in poverty by providing services in non-traditional settings, such as Head Start, and on campuses of local Title I elementary schools. Metro Health's Oral Health program is currently contracted to provide dental services for over 5,000 children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. In these programs, each enrollee is provided with an

on-site limited oral health evaluation and up to two fluoride varnish applications performed by a Metro Health dentist. In addition, Metro Health dental staff provides case management services and support for all children identified with “urgent” or unmet dental needs who are uninsured or underinsured for required dental care. Through this initiative, Metro Health dental staff refer children in need of more extensive and comprehensive dental care to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, School of Dentistry, Department of Developmental Dentistry clinics.

PCI’s Head Start program is a federally funded program that provides education, child development, nutrition, social services, health and disability assessments, and parent involvement, on a full-time basis. These programs are designed to serve children ages 3 to 5 years whose parents' income meets Administration for Child, Youth and Families Guidelines. Families utilizing the programs and services do not have the financial resources to obtain such health evaluation services through the private medical community. Evaluations are required by federal guidelines for such child development service programs and evaluations are necessary to ensure that the children assessed are channeled into an appropriate health care resource to resolve any health complications found in the evaluation.

Metro Health’s Oral Health program seeks to continue its partnership with PCI to provide oral health services in an amount up to \$48,960.00 for a term beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms, for a cumulative amount of \$146,880.00, inclusive of renewals.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council approve an agreement with PCI for the provision of oral health services by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District for PCI’s Head Start enrollees. This agreement will allow for early diagnosis and access to timely primary and preventive interventions that improve the oral health outcomes for children at high risk for decay.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the agreement with PCI not be approved, Metro Health will be unable to provide oral health evaluations, on-site preventive dental care and case management support for children enrolled in PCI’s Head Start program. Additionally, PCI would be forced to find an alternate means to provide the required oral health assessments to Head Start enrollees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Metro Health is requesting City Council authorization of an agreement with Parent/Child Incorporated for the period September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Through the agreement, Metro Health will receive funding in an amount up to \$48,960.00 for services per term, for a total amount up to \$146,880.00 inclusive of the renewals. Metro Health will be required to provide in-kind services in an amount up to \$9,792.00 per term, for a total amount of \$29,376.00, to be supported by the City’s General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Parent/Child Incorporated (PCI) for the provision of oral health services by the San Antonio Metropolitan for PCI's Head Start enrollees in an amount up to \$48,960.00 for a term ending August 31, 2023, with the option to renew for two, one-year terms for a cumulative amount of \$146,880.00, inclusive of renewals.